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Celebrating His Life ~ Honoring His Legacy

JAMES E. FULLER



SUNRISE
3/6/1946



SUNSET
12/12/2018

As I look back over my life, it brings an old adage to mind; "I wish I knew then, the things I know now." But I guess that's why age & experience tend to make most of us so much wiser.

A Time To Be Born . . .

I was born James E. Fuller on March 6, 1946 to the late Nathaniel and Verdie Fuller in Memphis, TN. When I was seven, I along with Madear and little brother Cornelius (whom I affectionately called "Bay" — I could not say baby when he was born) moved to Cleveland, OH for a short while. We relocated again and made Buffalo, NY our home. I attended East High School. My family and I attended Hopewell Baptist Church, where my grandparents the late Moses and Mattie Bounds were founding members. Bay and I made the decision to dedicate our lives to the Lord, and we were baptized.

A Time To Love . . .

I met Janice Ware in 1966. Along with my brother, we were the "Three Musketeers". This courtship later led to our marriage on August 7, 1979, and from this union our daughter Tammy was born. We remained married for 38 years.

A Time To Build . . .

For a time, I held several positions within General Motors, Western Electric House, Ford Motor Company and Bissonette House. I later earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and obtained certifications in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment; Alternatives to Violence; and an Assessment and Skills Training Facilitation.

I think back to my teenage years, when I was approximately thirteen or fourteen years old. That was probably the most crucial point in my life. I was raised in an area where there were no prominent black doctors or lawyers whom I could look up to as role models. However, I became obsessed with the goal of becoming great. I've always done exceptionally well in school with hardly any effort. Whatever endeavor I undertook, I strived very hard to do it to the best of my ability trying in the process to be the very best at it that I can.

A Time To Dream . . .

There still existed one more fascination that I had held since my late teenage years. Nightclubs were very popular then hosting a wide range of entertainment. I purchased a former bowling alley and

renovated it into an extravagant nightclub. The Cotton Club of Buffalo, NY was born. "Opening Night" was truly the pinnacle of achievement in my life. It was a very popular night club that attracted many popular celebrities of the era, such as: The Jackson's, Eddie Murphy, Nancy Wilson and Billy Paul to name a few. Later in life, I still chose to be an entrepreneur, and I became a franchise owner in 2007, through the procurement of a commercial janitorial cleaning company; Superior Cleaning Concepts.

A Time To Mourn . . .

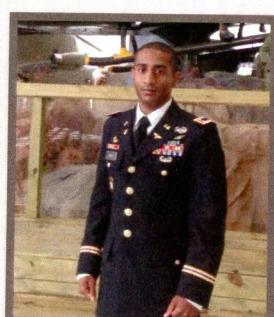
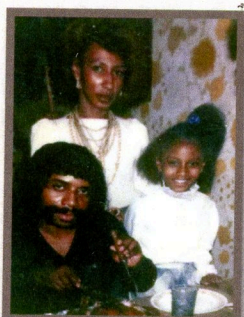
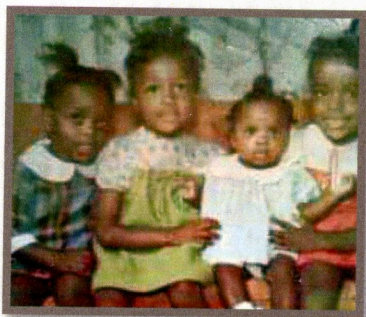
I departed this life on December 12, 2018. I was proceeded in death by my parents, grandparents and my half-brother Eugene. However, I know my legacy will forever live on and be cherished by my beloved children: Cheryl, Janice V, Lecia, Tammy, Jamie, James (Gina), Natalie, Jay Remy and Alexander; ten wonderful grandchildren, Brianna, Corrine, Courtney, Daniel, Darrio, Jada, Joan Jessica, Joshua, Lashrecse (Blaine) and Tajaiana; five great grandchildren; my brother, Cornelius (Jo Ann); a host of nieces and nephews; Diana and Ronarldo whom I served as a father figure; as well as my friends in love, Toney Hall, James Harwell, Jack Reid and Larry Stephens.

A Time For Peaceful Reflections . . .

I learned that life is analogous to a hard training school, demanding but just. My experience taught me that whether it be the easy way or the hard way, if you live long enough, life "will" teach you the lessons you need to learn. As I have reflected over my life, I realize that the Creator blessed me with skills in abundance. I've been blessed with so many people who have helped me in my journey. I have to say, that God truly works in mysterious ways! I enjoyed spending time with my children, playing video games, reading, watching action movies and listening to music. I had a wide range of musical interests from the Temptations to Tupac.

Just know, my children meant the world to me. Live Your Life to the Fullest, Keep Smiling and Create New Memories!

Your Father, Brother, Uncle and Friend
James Fuller



Daddy

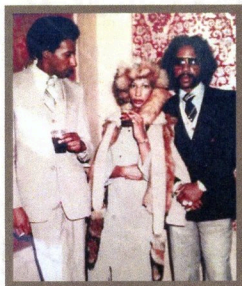
Even in death, you remain in a class all your own. We had no choice but to be amazing, no matter the distance, your heart was our home. Your strength empowered us all, your love frames every memory we shared. You celebrated our every triumph, you guided us through life's storms with selfless care. God needed a formidable angel, so our journey together on earth came to an untimely end. You will forever be our best friend, counselor, protector and Superman.

Sincerely,
Your Children

Uncle James,

You are truly the best uncle I could have ever prayed for. (The only person I did not mind pulling on my cheeks!) You always supported and made me feel as if I could achieve anything I wanted to do; and we celebrated when I did just that. You were the best confidante I could ever ask for from childhood to adulthood. I thank God for your life! I will love you forever, and keep your wise counsel, our conversations, and letters within my heart.

Love Your Niece,
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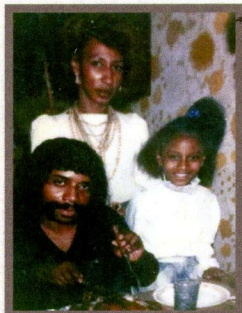
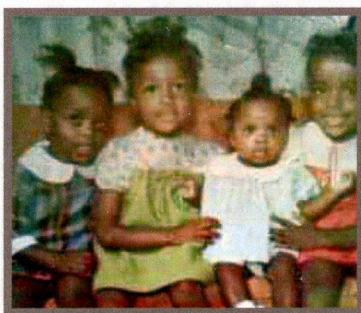
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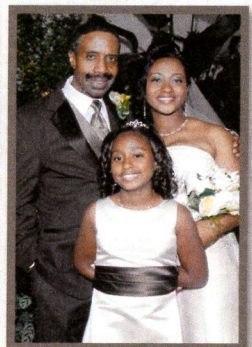
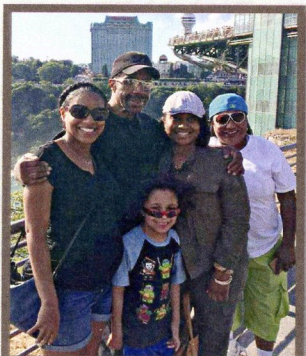
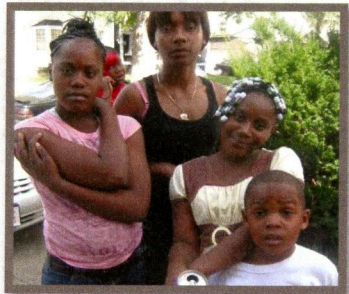
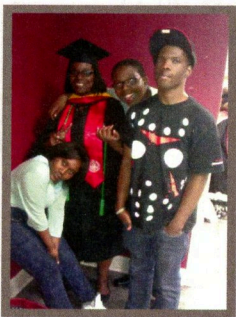
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PASTOR DENNIS LEE, JR. | OFFICIATING

Family and Friends Hour of Visitation - 11:00 a.m.

MUSICAL PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL Clergy and Family
RECEIVING OF GUESTS

Order of Service ~ 12:00 p.m.

MUSICAL SELECTION.....
SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament
New Testament
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....
MUSICAL SELECTION.....
REMARKS.....
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES &
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MUSICAL SELECTION.....
THE EULOGY..... Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.
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Honorary Pallbearers

Anthony Hall
James Harwell

Cornelius Fuller
Larry Stephens

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